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EX-FBI AGENT CHARGES BUREAU KEPT  
OSWALD DATA FROM SECRET SERVICE

NEW YORK, Jan. 28--Charges that the Federal Bureau of Investigation failed to transmit information it possessed on Lee Harvey Oswald to the Secret Service and the Dallas police were published today in an article written by a former FBI agent.

William W. Turner, employed by the Bureau for 10½ years, conducted a private investigation in Dallas immediately following the assassination of President Kennedy. His article, "The FBI Could Have Saved President Kennedy's Life," appears in the current issue of SAGA magazine.

According to Turner, a Dallas FBI agent had interviewed Oswald 10 days prior to the assassination. Two FBI men, whose names Turner says he knows, had talked originally to Oswald's mother in an effort to locate him in Dallas. And Oswald's Russian wife was visited twice during October by FBI agents.

Although the Dallas police had no record of any sort on Oswald, his name was in the files of the FBI's Dallas office. Turner reveals that a "thick file" on the accused assassin was begun by the Federal agency after Oswald applied for Russian citizenship in Moscow in 1959. "It was started at the urging of the State Department's security unit, and it was reviewed and brought up to date every 30 days during 1962 and 1963. Here, the FBI did its duty," Turner writes.

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Oswald's name did not appear, however, on a "risk list" the Bureau gave the Secret Service. Turner states, "All my previous contacts with the men of the Secret Service convince me that they would have stepped in to neutralize Oswald--if only they then had the information they have now. But as we have seen, the Secret Service knew nothing about Oswald. In this respect, I believe the FBI was negligent."

The SAGA article also charges that "jealousy and a lack of cooperation and communication between law-enforcement agencies" allowed the President's assassin to succeed. "For years," says Turner, "there have been recurring rumors of rivalry between the FBI and the Secret Service. But to me, as a former FBI agent, they are more than rumors. Sooner or later, I believe the whole story will come out. It is beginning to already."

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